MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know the extent of wet land and dry land separately?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That information is not available.

Nedumangad Magistrate's Court building.

104 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is no separate Magistrate's Court building in Nedumangad;

(*b*) how long it is since the idea of the construction of a court building for the Magistrate's Court has been in existence; and

(*c*) why the building has not yet been constructed?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1108.

(*c*) Paucity of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know from the Government the amount of funds required for the construction of the Magistrate' Court building?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The estimate sanctioned is for Rs. 7,330.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Government are aware of the funds required for the construction of the Munsiff's Court building in Nedumangad?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The amount as per sanctioned estimate?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the Munsiff's Court building cost only Rs. 3,000?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Does that question of expenditure on the Munsiff's Court building arise under this question.

PRESIDENT: The answer to question why the building has not yet been constructed was paucity of funds. And Mr. S. J. Nair with his usual wit wishes to convince the Government that it is not a satisfactory answer. He says that after all the money required is so small.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, a word of personal explanation. The Munsiff's Court building at Nedumangad required only Rs. 3,000. But for the Magistrate's Court building, which will only be a smaller building, the P. W. D. has submitted an estimate for Rs. 7,330.

PRESIDENT: Why are you dragging the Munsiff's Court into the controversy?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the Public Works Department is a public waste department. They unnecessarily submit high amounts in their estimate so that we may not get any building.

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PRESIDENT: He wants Government to infer directly that, if the estimate for the Sub-Magistrate's court had been for a less amount, it would have been possible to spare the money for the Magistrate's court also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there is any difficulty in granting a sum of about Rs. 3,000 under the High Court or under the Land Revenue Department for the construction of the Magistrate's court building ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The objection is that there is no provision in the next year's budget. The Preliminary Budget is before the member, and he can see that there is no provision in it. That is the only objection.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the answer to the question is paucity of funds. If the funds required for the construction of the Magistrate's court is a smaller sum, may I know whether the Government would see that that smaller sum is provided ?

PRESIDENT: Honourable members must ask questions directly and not by implications nor even hypothetically.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what is the objection that weighs with the Government in allowing a smaller amount for the construction of the Magistrate's building at Nedumangad ?

PRESIDENT: The same answer goes right through. Paucity of funds.

Fee concession to Ezhavas.

105 * **MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of Ezhava students (boys and girls) who are receiving (1) full fee concession and (2) half fee concession, from English Schools in the State :

(*b*) whether all the Ezhava students in the State were once given half fee concession and, if so, why that concession was stopped ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that free English education at the cost of Government was once given to all the caste Hindus and that the Ezhavas and other depressed Classes were not allowed such free education ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) (1) Nil.

(2) Boys ... 1,341
Girls ... 495

(*b*) *First Part* ... Yes.
Second Part ... This concession was restricted to 20 per cent. of their number in each Class or Form as a measure of retrenchment.

(*c*) No.

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